

XXVIII.—*Description of a new Species of the Genus Pœcilopsaltria belonging to the Family Cicadidæ.* By W. L. DISTANT.

HERR ANTON HANDLIRSCH having lately submitted to me for determination the Cicadidæ from Africa and Madagascar contained in the "Naturhistorisches Hofmuseum" of Vienna, I have found the following species from Madagascar requires description and to be added to the nomenclature.

This museum has acquired the collection of the late Dr. Signoret, which includes many of Stål's types and determinations. It must be remembered, however, that to many of these specimens are attached MS. names; for my late friend Dr. Signoret combined an enthusiasm for his study beyond the time he could devote to it—which was not inconsiderable—with the result that many species which he decided were undescribed had MS. names affixed in his collection, but received no publication at the time, for he preferred writing on a group at some subsequent period.

*Pœcilopsaltria Handlirschi*, sp. n.

Body above castaneous. Head with a triangular central mark to front, lateral transverse striæ to face, area of the ocelli (from which emerge two fasciæ, of which the first reaches the anterior lateral margin and the second is recurved to eyes) black. Pronotum with the anterior margin, two central lineate fasciæ, and the incisures black. Mesonotum with four obconical spots starting from anterior margin, of which the two central are smallest, and between the apices of which is a central triangular spot, and the anterior margins of the cruciform elevation black. Abdomen with the lateral areas of the three basal and the whole of the remaining segments black. Body beneath and legs pale castaneous.

Tegmina brownish ochraceous, the apical areas and margin more or less purplish brown and mottled with greyish; a distinct greyish-white submarginal spot in upper ulnar area. Wings brownish ochraceous, with rather more than basal third darkly infuscated.

The rostrum reaches the posterior coxæ.

Long., excl. tegm., ♀ 39 millim.; exp. tegm. 104 millim.

*Hab.* Madagascar (*Schneider*, 1880).

The description is based on one female specimen, and the type is in the Vienna Museum. By the internal fuscous area to the wings it is allied to *P. Brancsiki*, Dist., but the remaining totally different coloration will alone serve to distinguish it from that species.